

In light of Chief Justice Melton's extension of the declaration of the judicial emergency, and the continued danger of visitors introducing COVID-19 into facilities where it is not present or unwittingly carrying it out of facilities where it is present, the GDC has extended its cancellation of all attorney visitation through October 10, 2020. The GDC strongly urges counsel to communicate with clients via the inmate telephone system or by mail, if possible. Counsel also may want to consider communicating non-privileged information via email.

Similarly, the GDC will not be able to accommodate any depositions that have been authorized pursuant to FRCP Rule 30 or O.C.G.A. §9-11-30(a) at this time. Any currently scheduled or anticipated depositions should be scheduled for a date after November 1, 2020.

Additional information about the GDC's efforts to protect offenders and staff from COVID-19 can be found on our website, www.gdc.ga.gov.